

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3845–3860; 1 private bill, H.R. 3861; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 185, and H. Res. 484 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1786, to regulate fishing in certain waters of Alaska (H. Rept. 104–687);

H. Res. 483, providing for consideration of H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–688);

H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–689);

H.R. 3118, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform eligibility for health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 104–690);

H.R. 1784, to validate certain conveyances made by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company within the cities of Reno, Nevada, and Tulare, California (H. Rept. 104–691);

H.R. 2940, to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, amended (H. Rept. 104–692 Part I); and

H.R. 2145, to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 104–693 Part I).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates appoints Representative Kolbe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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Personal Responsibility Act: By a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 331, the House passed H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

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By a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 330, rejected the Tanner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with the following amendment: in section 408(a)(8)(A) of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be added by section 4103(a)(1), insert "cash" before "assistance to a family".

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the Ney amendment that requires able-bodied food stamp recipients between the ages of 18 and 50 with no dependents to work at least 20 hours a week or lose eligibility (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 328);

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Rejected the Tanner amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to reform the nation's welfare system, provide vouchers to assist children whose parents are denied benefits, and include provisions for children of non-citizens to receive food stamps (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 329).

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H. Res. 482, the rule which provided for further consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 358 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 327.

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The Chair overruled a point of order under section 425 of the Budget Act against consideration of H.R. 3734 on the basis that all points of order against consideration of the bill were waived by a previous order by unanimous consent on July 17, and held that a point of order under section 426 of the Budget Act against H. Res. 482 would not be timely after the adoption of that resolution. The point of order asserted that, under section 425, the bill constituted an unfunded intergovernmental mandate, and further, under section 426, the House is prohibited from considering a rule providing for it.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: It was made in order at any time for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997; that all points of order against the bill be dispensed with; that all points of order against the bill and against its consideration be waived; that general debate be confined to the bill and be limited

to one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; that after general debate the bill be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule; that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole be authorized to postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole be authorized to reduce to five minutes the minimum time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than 15 minutes; that after the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee, have precedence over a motion to amend; that at the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Labor Management Cooperative Efforts: House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 743, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive—clearing the measure for the President.

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Legislative Program: Representative Walker announced the legislative program for the week of July 22. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 22 for morning hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 24.

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Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals from private life on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial assistance: Mr. Thomas E. Dillon of California and Mr. William A. Irwin of Pennsylvania.

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Defense Authorization Conferees: The Chair announced the following modifications to the Conference appointment to H.R. 3230: Delete section 724 of the Senate amendment from the panel appointed from the Committee on Commerce; the panel from the Committee on Commerce, consisting of Representatives Bliley, Oxley, and Dingell, is also appointed for the consideration of section 3174 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to Conference; and the Panel from the Committee on Science is also appointed for the consideration of section 1044 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to Conference.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8030–31.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7783.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7795–96, H7906–07, H7987, H7988–89, and H7989–90. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3553, Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act of 1996; H.R. 447, amended, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; and H.R. 1186, amended, Professional Boxing Safety Act.

OVERSIGHT—TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held an oversight hearing on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Reed E. Hundt, Chairman; James Quello, Susan Ness and Rachelle B. Chong, all Commissioners.